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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Mount Rainier National Park
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2013 Superintendent's Compendium, Mount Rainier National Park Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

Executive Summary of Changes from 2011 Compendium

Introduction

National Park Service (NPS) regulations applicable to the protection and equitable public use of units of the National Park System grant specified authorities to a park superintendent to allow or restrict certain activities. NPS regulations are found in Titles 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and created under authority and responsibility granted the Secretary of Interior in Titles 16 and 18 of the United States Code. The following compendium comprises a listing of NPS regulations that provide the Superintendent with discretionary authority to make designations or impose public use restrictions or conditions in park areas. The applicability and scope of the compendium is articulated in 36 CFR Sections 1.2.

The larger body of NPS regulations that do not provide discretionary authority to the Superintendent is not cited in this compendium. A complete and accurate picture of regulations governing use and protection of the unit can only be gained by viewing this compendium in context with the full body of applicable regulations found in Title 36 CFR. *Please contact the Chief Ranger's Office, Mount Rainier National Park, 55210 238th Ave. East, Ashford, WA at 360-569-6611 for questions relating to information provided in this compendium.*

Changes for 2013

There were two changes made in the 2013 Compendium:

- 1) 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(2), Closures-Hiking. Changed the language describing when hiking is prohibited off the trail tread in high use sensitive areas (Paradise, Tipsoo Lake, Sunrise, Ohana) from “*During summer, fall and spring meltout when trails are visible or otherwise designated. . .*” to simpler and more descriptive language: “*When trails are no longer obscured by snow, . . .*” Also, Spray Park was eliminated from the list of areas specific in this regulation as climbers and hikers do disperse in the area at times needing to travel off trail.
- 2) 36 CFR §2.35 (a)(3)(i) , Alcoholic Beverages, public buildings where the consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed. This change adds two public building areas, to the list of those public buildings where consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed: “in food service areas and the public area of the Jackson Visitor Center and the Sunrise Day Lodge.